[President.]

also a very important concern and having regard to third party insurance we are contemplating on a few big Insurance companies in the State in which the Government should have an interest. A certain number of curious questions have been asked about the Travancore Bank. We wanted a first rate bank of international importance. The twenty five rupees share in this Bank is being sold at Rs. 52. Similar is the case with regard to Central Banking Corporation of Travancore. The Vijayamohini Mills Ltd., is similar to the Balarama Varma Textiles. In regard to the West Coast Fisheries, we in partnership with the Government of India have explored the possibility of deep sea fishing. We have given facilities for a local enterprise to help us in that scheme. I have already indicated the point with regard to the Lakshmi Textiles and the Electrical and Allied Industries.

These are investments to Government directly engages in from the point of view of the immediate future of the State. If honourable members want any more doubts to be cleared, I shall be glad to do so. I do not want any doubt or suspicion to be on the part the honourable members in these matters. When any honourable member finds that there is a company in which the Government take an interest and if the honourable member would write to Government about the subject, the Government will give the reasons, the shares etc., in regard to the company.

Grants for cottage industries.

144. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of the grants-in-aid given to cottage industries in 1120 ?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: The *statement is laid on the table.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: ഫ ഫ ൦ ഫ-ൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും കുടിൽ വ്യവസായത്തിന് ഗ്രാൻറ് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

Dr. H. Parameswaran: ഇവിടെ ഒന്നു രണ്ടു വീവിംഗ സ്കൂൾ യമ്മസ്ഥാപനമായി നടത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളവയ്ക്ക് ഗ്രാൻറ് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Industrial loan.

145. *Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount of industrial loans granted during the years 1119 and 1120 respectively;

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(*b*) the number of applicants who were granted loans during 1119 and 1120 respectively and the number of applications rejected ; and

(*c*) the purpose for which the loan had been granted during 1119 and 1120 ?

Dr. H. Parameswaran :

(*a*)	1119	...	Rs. 2,000.
	1120	...	Rs. 200.
		Granted.	*Rejected.*
(*b*)	1119	Three	Nil.
	1120	One	One.

(*c*) 1119 Weaving Factory ; Lac Industry ; Ink Manufacture.

1120 Cabinet workshop.

Weaving among backward classes.

146. *Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : Will the Government be pleased to state what measures have been adopted by them for encouraging weaving among backward classes.

Dr. H. Parameswaran : Under a scheme for the encouragement of weaving among backward classes, the itinerant weaving party of the department of Industries has been conducting temporary schools in selected localities for imparting instruction in the art of weaving to pupils of backward communities. A further expansion of this scheme at more centres than one in 1122 is contemplated.

Limited Companies in Travancore.

147. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names of the Limited Companies in Travancore and outside Travancore respectively in which Government have taken shares with the number of shares and the total amount paid in each case ?

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar : The *statement is laid on the table.

Profit from Cochin Harbour.

148. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the aggregate amount of profit derived from the Cochin Harbour in 1944-45 ; and

(*b*) the share of Travancore in that profit ?

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